

## EastWaterWayComments

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Thank you for this opportunity to include my comments for this important work and the work that the EPA has done over the decades for this river! I am a long time resident of the Seattle area of (b)(6) and have experienced the great improvements in the health of the Duwamish River but we can not stop! I have a deep love and connection to this river, its city and region, so much so that I've spent thousands of volunteer hours fostering collaborations through the Duwamish Alive Coalition and working on restoration sites in its watershed. This is an incredible treasure of this region, we must continue to due our utmost to restore its health and that of the watershed.

Working for over a decade in the Super Fund area of the river and beyond, I support the EPA's "preferred alternative," but also strongly believe that to make a significant difference a more holistic watershed approach is needed. The river and the bay are impacted by the stormwater that flows into the river and bay from the surrounding area. We MUST THINK HOLISTICALLY! Also addressing "hot spots " such as outfalls. I've seen salmon in the throws of death in the river by an outfall, we need to address all inflows to the river both from streams and stormwater systems. This is becoming more urgent as this watershed urbanizes. Supporting GIS projects large and small are critical. We need to accelerate this work, which will help salmon recovery. We also have this responsibility to the tribal nations including the Duwamish Tribe. We can't change the past but we do have a responsibility to honor the treaties and respect the culture and address the concerns of the tribes.

Thank you again for all your work, it is greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,

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